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NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE

REF: A) STATE 158801; B) 77 ANT 1539; C) ANT 1231

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER WAS RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY ON AUGUST 3RD IN THE FORM OF A NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

A) FRENCH TEXT: "MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, PARTICULIEREMENT SENSIBLE A VOS CHALEUREUSES FELICITATIONS A L'OCCASION DE NOTRE FETE NATIONALE, JE VOUS ADRESSE MES VIFS REMERCIEMENTS AINSI QUE CEUX DU PEUPLE MALGACHE ET FORMULE EGALEMENT DES VOEUX POUR VOTRE BIEN-ETRE PERSONNEL, POUR LA PROSPERITE DU PEUPLE AMERICAIN. COMME VOUS, JE SOUHAITE QUE NOS RELATIONS BILATERALES CONNAISSENT UN HEUREUX AVENIR. DIDIER RATSIRAKA"

B) EMBASSY TRANSLATION: "MR. PRESIDENT, PARTICULARLY SENSIBLE TO YOUR WARM GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF OOUR NATIONAL HOLIDAY, I SEND YOU MY WARM THANKS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE MALAGASY PEOPLE AND ALSO SEND YOU BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL BEING AND FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. LIKE YOU I HOPE THAT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WILL HAVE A HAPPY FUTURE. DIDIER RATSIRAKA" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS FAR MORE PERSONAL AND WARM THAN LAST YEARS PRINTED CARD (REF B). LAST REFERENCE TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA WAS CONTAINED IN HIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR NATIONAL DAY GREETINGS IN 1976 (REF C).

3. THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO DISCLOSURE IN MEDIA THAT MESSAGES WERE EXCHANTED ON MALAGASY AND USG NATIONAL DAYS.BARRETT

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